Ultra threat to Assam Tea Estate

1413. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN:
SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam tea estates are facing ULFA threat including theft of tea leaves; and

(b) if so, what arrangements have been made by Government to curb it and save the tea industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Some cases of extortion of money from tea estates in Assam by the militant outfits including ULFA have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The State Government has been sensitised and action taken against such militant outfits.

Restrictions imposed on RSS

† 1414. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many time restrictions were imposed on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh after independence;

(b) the grounds on which the said restrictions were withdrawn, together with the details thereof;

(c) whether the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh participated in the elections at any time; and

(d) whether the same had ever applied for registration to the Election Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The

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organisation was banned on three occasions in 04 February 1948, 03 July 1975 and 10 December 1992, ban was lifted by order of Government/Tribunal.

(c) and (d) As per the information provided by the Election Commission of India, the RSS has neither applied for registration as a political party nor is it registered as a political party with the Commission or contested elections so far.

Internal Security Arrangements

† 1415. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether present arrangement have been considered adequate for making success the internal security arrangements of the country;

(b) if not, what steps are proposed to be taken to strengthen them;

(c) whether Centre has received any report regarding ISI's activities in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the number of ISI agents arrested during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects and hence it is the responsibility of the State Government to take necessary steps in this regard. However, the Central Government keeps a close watch on various developments in the internal security scenario of the country and shares intelligence with the States from time to time. Central Para-Military Forces are also deployed whenever required by the States.

(c) and (d) Pak ISI is persistent in its efforts towards various anti-India activities. Reports exist in this connection. As regards satistical

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